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1. In a closed meeting of the functionaries of the East Berlin Magistrate administration at the end of March 1952, East Berlin Mayor Friedrich Ebert sharply denounced the "criminal activities of speculators in East and West Berlin". He added that a sudden end will be set to these activities in the very near future.*
2. Ebert's cited remarks were generally interpreted by those attending the meeting as referring to an early currency reform in the DDR.

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Comment: The rationale used by Ebert as given in this report is similar in content to that published by overt sources when explaining the recent re-rationing of potatoes.

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